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Letter dated 8 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of remarks made by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 7 September 2016 with regard to a press statement of the Security Council issued on 6 September 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Remarks made by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 7 September (KCNA) — A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK gave the following answer to the question raised by KCNA on Wednesday, 7 September 2016 as regards the fact that the United Nations Security Council took issue with the DPRK's routine ballistic rocket launch exercise:

At the Security Council on 6 September, the U.S. and its followers cooked up a press statement again in which they found fault with the DPRK's measure for bolstering up nuclear deterrence for self-defence.

The DPRK categorically rejects this as an intolerable act of encroaching upon its dignity, right to existence, sovereignty and right to self-defence.

The recent ballistic rocket launch exercise of the Korean People's Army was successfully conducted without giving any negative impact to the security of the countries around the DPRK and the international waters as before.

The Security Council is not uttering a word about the brigandish act of the U.S., which is conducting nuclear war exercises for aggression after introducing huge nuclear war means, including strategic assets, into the Korean peninsula but is taking issue with the DPRK's legitimate measure for self-defence. This is utterly illogical.

The more viciously the Security Council finds fault with the DPRK's legitimate measures for self-defence by siding with the U.S., arch criminal harassing peace and security on the Korean peninsula, the more glaringly it will reveal its true colours as an unfair good-for-nothing entity before the international community.

The DPRK will continue to expand the signal successes of bolstering up the nuclear force in a phased way in this historic year when it started with the solemn blast of the first H-bomb test of Juche Korea.